

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A composition comprising a complementary pair of siRNA oligomeric compounds consisting of:
 - a first oligomeric compound and a second oligomeric compound, wherein:
 - said first oligomeric compound and said second oligomeric compound are not covalently linked to each other;
 - at least a portion of said first oligomeric compound is complementary to at least a portion of said second oligomeric compound and to a target nucleic acid; and
 - ~~wherein~~ at least one of said first and said second oligomeric compounds comprises at least one conjugate moiety, wherein said at least one conjugate moiety is attached to a 3'-terminal monomeric subunit of said at least one oligomeric compound and wherein said at least one conjugate moiety is a steroid.
- 2-3. (canceled)
4. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein each of said first and second oligomeric compounds comprises 10 to 40 nucleotides.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein each of said first and second oligomeric compounds comprises 18 to 30 nucleotides.
6. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein each of said first and second oligomeric compounds comprises 21 to 24 nucleotides.
- 7-8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein said second oligomeric compound comprises an oligonucleotide having a plurality of ribose nucleotide units.
10. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said first oligomeric compound comprises said at least one conjugate moiety.
11. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said second oligomeric compound comprises said at least one conjugate moiety.
12. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said first and second oligomeric compounds each comprises at least one conjugate moiety.
13. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said second oligomeric compound comprises at least one conjugate moiety and said first oligomeric compound comprises no conjugate moiety.
- 14-20. (canceled)
21. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one conjugate moiety is attached to said first or second oligomeric compounds through a linker.
- 22-23. (canceled)
24. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one conjugate moiety is cholesterol or a cholesterol derivative.
25. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one conjugate moiety binds to low-density lipoprotein.

26-35. (canceled)

36. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one conjugate moiety enhances the pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic properties of said composition.

37. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said composition has improved cellular uptake properties compared with the same composition having no conjugate moiety.

38-100. (canceled)

101. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the composition of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

102-109. (canceled)